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MAPLE RIVER FARMERS' CLUB.

Pleasant and Prosperous Farm Homestead the Scene of its August Meeting—After Free Mail Delivery—Best Varieties of Wheat, and Various Other Questions of Both Particular and General Interest.

The August meeting of the Maple River Farmers' Club was held Thursday afternoon, August 25th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seth R. Cook with an attendance comprising nearly the entire membership of the club.

On driving into the yard of this pleasant homestead each guest was met at the driveway by the host who assisted the passengers to alight and then directed them to the doorway where they were met by Mrs. Cook and their daughter Miss Otie Cook. The men were directed on to the barn during this time, where Mr. Will Cook was having his hands full taking care of the visitors' teams as they came in. There was room for all however as the basement of a barn 100x35 feet in size will hold no small number of horses.

On this farm all hay and grain is kept indoors and even though when the wheat is threshed the straw is necessarily thrown out of doors, it is all drawn back again into the barn as soon as threshing is over. Oats alone are stacked outside and they are threshed as soon as possible after stacking and the straw taken in. The silo, which is built in the east end of the barn, furnishes a receptacle for the corn fodder which was to be cut up this week by Ernest Josenhans who is doing the cutting for several silos. Besides the barn there are various other buildings of ample dimensions for the use to which they are put, and, perhaps of even greater interest, a genuine abundance of every kind of fruit in the orchard, and in the very yard just west of the house. But time was short and forbade lingering outside while the great roomy farm house was becoming the center of attraction.

At about half past two the club was called to order by the new president, Aaron Glad-den, America was sung, the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah was read by the chaplain Mrs. M. H. Seeley who then offered prayer, and the report of the secretary Miss Otie Cook was read.

A matter of a good deal of importance to the club members then occupied a few moments of discussion under the call for unfinished business. It pertained to the securing of free rural mail delivery. Vice president Ira Snyder has been gathering statistics preparatory to making a good showing in a petition he expects to have drawn up. Remarks were made on the subject by E. J. Cook, Mr. Snyder and H. C. Payne, the latter two gentlemen being appointed a committee to carry the matter further. The prospects for securing such service seems more than hopeful this fall.

The matter of looking out to see that the "no hunting" signs were up in proper shape was brought up by P. B. Reynolds and steps were taken to look up the number of signs on hand. The picnic given by the combined farmers' clubs of the county was given due notice, roll was called and the club was then brought face to face with the regular program, though before he announced the first number President Glad-den made a few remarks concerning his acceptance of his new position. He could not see why he had been given the highest position but with the helpers who had been given to him in the club, he thought it would live for the next six months at least.

Ought happiness to be the chief aim in life, if so how can it best be secured was the rather formidable subject assigned to Mrs. E. J. Cook but there are some at least who will never forget her very brief treatment of the subject or the lesson contained in the legend of the wounded heart.

Mrs. Jennie O. Purdy was called upon for "A leaf from the life of a farmers wife" but she had planned apparently that it should be one of the blank leaves though it is to be doubted whether there are any such—saying that as the committee had endeavored to make her happy by putting her on the program, so she would make the whole club happy—by being unprepared.

C. E. Fuller was allotted the topic of "Learning from others" which he characterized as being the great problem of one's life. The story which he told illustrative of the need of learning from others aroused much merriment.

After this paper, "Greater America," one of Will Carleton's latest poems was well rendered by Miss Bertha Payne.

My experience with different varieties of wheat and which is best, was the subject which brought Frank Sheldon to his feet to give the summary of his experience. He protested however that his experience with different varieties of wheat was very limited, since when he found one which was satisfactory he believed in sticking to it. He had tried the Hudson, Soule's, Treadwell, Diehl, and White Clawson, though most of his experience was confined to the last two. Both were good and both had given him occasional light as well as heavy yields, the light yields not being due to the variety. He gave one suggestion which should be of much value in keeping up and even improving the quality of the wheat, and that is that only the plumpest berries should be used for seed. This may sound impracticable but with good fanning mills it could be done easily.

Mr. Frank Whelan who was called on

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SHIAWASSEE FARMERS' PICNIC.

First Annual Picnic a Great Success—Profitable Use of Local Talent—Equal Taxation and Free Rural Mail Delivery—Addresses by A. C. Bird and Governor Pingree.

The Shiawassee County Association of Farmers' Clubs held its first annual picnic at Caledonia Park Saturday afternoon and the meeting was not only a success so far as the size of the crowd and the rendition of the program were concerned, but it was one of the most pleasant meetings from a social point of view which has ever been held in the park. The members of the various clubs assembled at varying intervals during the forenoon, and then after spending the time in visiting they proceeded to take a good hour in which to dispose of the large baskets of lunch which are the inevitable and much enjoyed accompaniments of such gatherings. Then between half past one and two o'clock the program itself was begun.

In opening this part of the day's proceedings President Frank Whelan referred to the organization of the association last winter and reviewed its objects briefly, the principal ones being the cultivation of the acquaintance of others both for its own good and for the use it will be in assisting all to work together for their common advantages. After this introduction John J. Whelan rendered an instrumental solo, prayer was offered by the chaplain, Rev. Benson, of Vernon and a duet was sung by Charles Whelan and daughter. Later on during the afternoon other music was furnished by Mrs. N. J. Strong, who played an instrumental solo and also accompanied the North Vernon quartette who sang a selection which was heartily applauded.

The quartette consists of N. J. Strong, Mrs. D. E. Whelan, Mrs. J. M. Strong, Mr. Goff, in addition to the music, recitations by Miss Wrigley, of the Oak Grove Club, and Mrs. J. Marsh and Miss Harper, of the North Vernon Club, still further helped to add to the variety of the program.

The first paper on the program was the one read by Mrs. Frank Clark, of Vernon, who touched up the bright side of farm life with such a skillful hand that the picture seemed almost one complete panorama of pleasing sights and happy events, and there is indeed no reason why it should not be so. Nutting parties and picking apples in the fall; the long evenings for reading, sleigh riding and visiting in the winter; the pleasure of planning the season's crops in the spring; the caring for the chickens when they look like fluffy balls of down, and the finding of the first spring beauties; then the berries served with cream, and the picnic parties in the woods, completed the circle of the year.

Wm. H. White, of the North-east Venice Farmers' Club, was called upon to say something concerning his pet theme of free mail delivery and he plunged into his subject with a vim. The subject is as he says one of intense interest to the farmer, and while it would doubtless cost something, so do battle ships, railway and steamboat lines, and electric cars. We are behind European countries in this respect. The cost, however, would not be noticed if at the same time the great waste of money in the Star route contract service and the railway carrying rates were checked. In the first place the government pays, according to him, eight times as much as the actual carriers receive, and in the latter case pays seven times as much as business corporations have to pay for matter which costs no less to carry and which has no guaranty of U. S. troops to force trains through.

Miss Belle Morrison, of the Meridian Club read a paper on "Nineteenth Century Progress," treating the subject in a broad spirited manner. Knowledge is power and he who has it has power as Bacon said. The school boy of today knows more of the laws of nature than the sages of the past.

Mrs. Charles Woodin read an interesting sketch of the Burton Farmer Club's history. This club was organized February 4, 1896, with a membership comprising ten families and has steadily grown in usefulness.

Arthur C. Bird, of Highland, a member of the state board of agriculture and one of the editors of the Michigan Farmer, was introduced and gave an earnest address on the theme of equal taxation, although he stated that the loss of his father a few days since had left him in no mood to prepare a speech.

Mr. Bird spoke briefly of the work of the various departments of state, dwelling at length on that of the insurance bureau, to the chief of which, Milo D. Campbell, he paid a glowing tribute, saying that he was the first commissioner who has had nerve enough to say that the insurance companies who were defrauding the people must get out. While emphasizing the value of such work which the common people cannot afford to have left undone, or poorly done either, Mr. Bird said that all this meant increased taxation, and that brought him to the main theme of his address. The increased expense was absolutely necessary. Where was it to come from? From the class which was already paying far more than its share of the taxes? He thought it should not come from them. Corporations are useful, and when confined to their proper functions, he is a friend to them. They are necessary. But, he does not want to pay their taxes, and when a man who, starting in with nothing, has grown rich

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City School Announcements—Free Text Books—Division of the City into Districts by the Board.

The school year of 1898-99 will begin in this city next Tuesday, September 6, though examinations for admission to the high school will be conducted tomorrow and Monday.

The system of free text books applies only to the grades below the high school, and non-resident pupils in these grades must buy their own books, which can be had at the school buildings at cost prices. The working of the system will be explained by teachers to the pupils on the opening day of school before the books are issued to the pupils for their use. However it may be said here that the books are not given to the pupils but are loaned to them. They have the names, or numbers, of the pupil to whom they are loaned written in them, however, and if the pupil destroys, or marks up or tears a book he must pay a fine for such destruction of public property.

The school boundaries will remain the same as last year for the present at least. Washington street is the boundary between the Central and Emerson districts. Comstock divides the Emerson from the Washington district. Shiawassee street separates the Washington from the Bryant district. The Central and the Bryant districts are divided by Clinton street. Eighth grade pupils living in the Emerson district will attend the Central school, while seventh and eighth grade pupils living in the Bryant district will attend the Washington school.

Teachers' Institute.

The County Teachers' Institute convened at Corunna high school building Monday morning, remaining in session during the week. The institute is conducted by Prin. W. N. Ferris, of Big Rapids, assisted by Miss Hinsdale, of Ann Arbor, and County School Commissioner Bristol.

Monday morning at the opening session there were about sixty present, who spent the time in visiting until the arrival of Mr. Ferris, who came from his home that morning.

Of Mr. Ferris and his work as an educator, nothing need be said here, for he is a man of national reputation. For the past few weeks or since his summer term, he has been doing work in Illinois, and comes from that field of labor direct to us. We as teachers of Shiawassee county feel it a very great privilege in being able to have him with us. So far this week he has been giving us work in mental arithmetic and child study. His great aim and plea is that we may have arithmetic in the schools as we have arithmetic in business, to have the subjects taught in our schools, that the boys and girls, when they launch out upon the business world, will be familiar with the common business usages. He says that arithmetic ought to be excluded from the first grade and possibly but little work in the second grade. This is a little in advance of our common public schools today, but we hope that we may soon see the truth so plainly that we cannot get around it. Again, he places great stress upon mental arithmetic, saying if the school authorities would lay aside so called written arithmetic, and fill in with a complete course in mental arithmetic, we would have far better mathematicians, give the pupil a thorough and definite understanding of the fundamental principles of arithmetic and it is but little labor to build a great mathematical mind. May we have more of arithmetic as it is found in business.

His work in child study is very good. Teachers should make it their duty to study each pupil that he may know his characteristics and deal with him accordingly.

Miss Hinsdale's work is in language, reading and geography. Her work is very important. She has dwelt mainly upon methods of presenting the work that the pupils may get the most from it. She says make the reading class a language class; do not let the pupils pass a paragraph until they have mastered the thought, or until they have the thought the author intended them to have, until they feel as the author intended to have them feel. The pupils should be trained to prize the value of the dictionary.

Com. Bristol's work is not in giving instruction, but in taking care of the enrollment and conducting the opening exercises. He said: "last year I gave the young ladies odd numbers, this year I will give the gentlemen the odd numbers, I don't know why I make this change unless it is because I do not think the girls so odd as I did one year ago." Circumstances alter cases.

The number in attendance at the institute Wednesday afternoon was 107. There was a goodly number who attended the lecture given by Miss Hinsdale, Tuesday evening. Her subject was "Home" and the discourse showed a thorough preparation. It was enjoyed by all present.

Prin. Ferris delivered an address Wednesday evening on the subject, "Success." He wished to make it understood that no man is ignorant who wishes knowledge and will make use of the means within his reach; that to make a success of life is to have lived a life to some useful purpose, so that the world will be better by our living in it. In other words, life is a failure where this is lacking, even though we may possess untold wealth.

Hudson Sheldon, an old co-worker, attended the institute Wednesday.

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NOMINATED A WINNER.

Chas. B. Collingwood Sure to be the Next Senator for This District.

The republicans of Shiawassee and Ingham counties, comprising the 14th state senatorial district, met in the city hall in this city Friday and nominated, by acclamation, City Attorney Charles B. Collingwood, of Lansing, for State senator.

The convention was called to order by chairman E. O. Dewey, who read the call and then invited Hon. W. M. Kilpatrick to take the chair as temporary chairman. Mr. Kilpatrick in his address

accepting the honor took a few minutes to give one of his clean cut, sensible and truly patriotic speeches which met with a rousing reception. All conditions point to republican success. In time of war the country had most nobly shown its ability to conduct business on a sound financial basis. Hereafter the question of taxation would receive more of the attention it deserves. These were the themes clearly but briefly discussed.

Upon motion L. A. Butterfield, secretary of the Agricultural College faculty, was made temporary secretary. John Robson, of Ingham, and F. E. Welch were appointed a committee on credentials, and George Fowler, of Ingham and H. B. Pulver, of Shiawassee, a committee on permanent organization and order of business, when the convention took a ten minutes recess until the committees were ready to report. The committee on credentials then reported the list as previously announced, adding that nine of the Ingham delegates were absent. The committee on permanent organization and order of business recommended that the temporary organization be made permanent and that the order of business be the appointment of two tellers, the presentation of candidates and balloting, and the choice of a new senatorial committee, the entire report being adopted. On motion of John Holbrook, of Lansing, in a neat speech presented the name of Charles B. Collingwood, of Lansing, who was a graduate of the Agricultural College, a life long republican and a fearless, tireless worker in the republican columns, and at present city attorney of Lansing. The nomination was received with enthusiasm, and after waiting a moment for other nominations, George Fowler, of Lansing, moved that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the convention for Mr. Collingwood, a motion which was promptly carried without a dissenting vote.

The presentation of candidates being then in order John Holbrook, of Lansing, in a neat speech presented the name of Charles B. Collingwood, of Lansing, who was a graduate of the Agricultural College, a life long republican and a fearless, tireless worker in the republican columns, and at present city attorney of Lansing. The nomination was received with enthusiasm, and after waiting a moment for other nominations, George Fowler, of Lansing, moved that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the convention for Mr. Collingwood, a motion which was promptly carried without a dissenting vote.

The new senatorial committee, two men from each county, was then nominated and elected. They are, from Shiawassee, Geo. M. Dewey and C. E. Godfrey; from Ingham, W. C. Neesen and Wm. H. Graves.

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The Ladies.

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An Excellent Show.

Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show pitched its tents on the eastside, Thursday, and all day the grounds were swarmed with eager spectators. Both afternoon and evening performances were largely attended, and all were thoroughly pleased with the exhibitions. All the different phases of frontier life were portrayed in a realistic and thrilling manner, and for an exhibition of its kind it is the best that ever visited here. The daring riding and feats of horsemanship exhibited by bands of Indians, cowboys and Mexicans was of a high order, and filled the hearts of all with admiration. The boomerang throwing by the Australian bushmen was a novel feature and deserving of special commendation. In short, the entire performance from start to finish was excellent, and held the closest attention of the large audiences.—Pittsburg, Pa., Dispatch. Will show in Owosso, Saturday, Sept. 3.

Major's Cement.

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